

Dates for 2023

Monday 26 June - Will Writing, Ed Stojanovic
Tuesday 8 August - Secrets of the Waterway, Russ Hedley
Monday 18 September - Macmillan Information Centre Oldham
Tuesday 31 October - Underground Manchester, Keith Warrender
Monday 11 December (Christmas Lunch)

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Next Meeting

Our Next meeting will be at the Fusilier Museum on **Monday June 26th** at the usual time of **1pm**. Our speaker will be Ed Stojanovic on 'Will Writing'

Previous meeting - Dr Crea, Consultant Haematologist

Dr Crea gave a presentation on the new and developing drugs for the the treatment of myeloma. Some of these have been approved by NICE but only for people who have had other forms of treatment previously. There are also some very exciting developments with CAR-T drugs which can target individual's own cells. However at present this is very expensive and has not yet been taken to NICE for approval.

Some of the new drugs are not suitable for everyone as some people experience significant side effects. As with all myeloma treatments they are often used in combination with other drugs.

Dr Crea then went on to answer individual questions and gave us a significant amount of his time.



Puzzles: Answer to Trackword 21: 'ELSEWHERE'

Visit to Bridgewater Garden

The Support Group outing to the RHS Bridgewater Gardens was a huge success. The weather was lovely although a little hot for two of our members - pleased to say they are fine now! It was lovely walking amongst the flower beds - taking in the scents, smells and fragrances of the many plants. Two of the plants that really stuck out was the many varieties of Iris's which were absolutely stunning and of course the alium's were just magnificent. The Weston Walled Garden was undoubtedly one of the 'best' sections with every available space taken up with neatly planted vegetables.

So much to see at the Bridgewater - so much to take in i.e. Paradise Garden, Bee & Butterfly garden, National Rhubarb collection, Windrush garden, Blue Peter garden, Fruit House and so much more. Bridgewater was a fascinating garden reviving the gardens of the historic 156 acre Worsley New Hall that was built for the first Earl of Ellesmere in the 1840s . It was the region's most magnificent Victorian mansion once visited by Queen Victoria. The hall was given over to the Red Cross during the first world war - sadly after that the Ellesmere family never returned. After a fire in 1943 and dry rot the hall eventually became so unstable it had to be demolished. Full planning permission was granted in June 2017 for the Bridgewater Gardens, opening to the public three years later. In the years since they have created truly magnificent gardens that can be visited time and time again.



Thanks for this Christine.



Afternoon Tea

The second trip this year will be to go for afternoon tea. At the June meeting we will agree both the **date** and **venue** of the trip, so bring along your diaries.



Grant from Awards for All from National Lottery

We are really pleased to tell you that we have been successful in our bid to Awards for All and have received £996 from them which will make our funds much healthier.

Tea and Biscuits

Thank you so much for the generous donations of tea, coffee and biscuits. We have sufficient tea, coffee and sugar for the year, so no more please. We also have a lot of biscuits so please no more for the next two meetings.

The Myeloma UK garden at Chelsea Flower Show 'A Life Worth Living' won the People's Choice Award.